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1. I FOLLOWED UP ON AMBASSADOR TAM'S DEMARCHE (REFTEL) WITH

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UNDERSECRETARY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS PHAEN WANNAMETHI

ON APRIL 3. PHAEN SAID THAT HE WAS GOING TO SUBMIT TO THE CABINET THE GVN REQUEST FOR REFUGEE TRANSPORT ASSISTANCE AND ADD IT TO THE OTHER HUMANITARIAN AID PACKAGE (RICE, CLOTHING AND MEDICINES) THAT THE RTG IS CURRENTLY CONSIDERING. PHAEN DID NOT GIVE ANY SPECIFIC INDICATIONS AS TO HOW THE CABINET MIGHT DECIDE THE QUESTION.

2. IN ANOTHER CONVERSATION APRIL 4, PHAEN TOLD ME THAT THE RTG HAD PROBLEMS WITH FURNISHING TRANSPORTATION. PHAEN SAID THAT SOME COUNTRIES HAD WITHDRAWN THEIR OFFERS OF PLANES AND SHIPS. HE SAID THE RTG WOULD PROBABLY GO AHEAD WITH HUMANITARIAN AID BUT SAW PROBLEMS IN TRANSPORTING THIS TO SAIGON. I SAID WE WOULD SEE HOW WE COULD HELP IF NECESSARY ONCE THEY MADE A FINAL DECISION.

3. I ALSO RAISED THIS TOPIC WITH FOREIGN MINISTER CHATCHAI CHUMHAWAN DURING AN APRIL 3 DINNER. CHATCHAI'S RESPONSE WAS SIMILAR TO PHAEN'S.

4. COMMENT: WE STICK BY THE ASSESSMENT OF THE GVN COUNSELOR IN REFTEL THAT THE RTG IS RELUCTANT TO RISK GETTING INTO POLITICAL DIFFICULTIES WITH HANOI OVER THIS ISSUE. WE DO NOT EXPECT THAT THE CABINET WILL DECIDE TO SEND TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE TO VIETNAM BUT MAY AGREE TO SEND SOME COMMODITIES.
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